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Welcome to our Winter Newsletter to take us into 2018.

South Brent Parish Council wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Some seasonal events



Saturday 2 December: **Brent Island Trust's 25th Christmas Stall and Carol singing** outside **South Brent Stores** from **10am – 12md**. Gifts, cake and produce stall with tombola and the town crier in attendance.

Thursday 7 December: **Seasonal concert with Totnes Brass Band** at 7:30pm in St. Petroc's Church, South Brent. Start your festive period with a warm and lively evening of great music and good cheer as [Totnes Band](#) invite you for a selection of seasonal music, a few surprises and guest artists. Free Admission.

Saturday 9 December **Brent Singers Christmas Concert** at 7:30pm in St Petroc's Church, South Brent. Featuring 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten with upper voices and harp, and 'A Medieval Sequence' by Philip Arkwright with lower voices and organ, followed by a selection of traditional Christmas Carols. Entry free (with retiring collection). For information about Brent Singers see www.brentsingers.org.uk/

Friday 15 December: **Wild Harmony & Friends:** all are welcome to join [Wild Harmony](#), [Emily Roblyn](#) and friends at 7.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#) for a relaxed evening; sharing the songs and music they enjoy. Feel free to sing with us or just listen. Suggested donations of £5 welcome to support [South Brent & District Caring](#). Bring your own drinks & share light refreshments. See wildharmony.org.uk/.

Wednesday 20 December: **SASS ladies singers Christmas Concert** with guest singers at 7.30pm in the [Old School Community Centre](#) in aid of [South Brent & District Caring](#). Tickets £5 from [artworks](#).

Church services over the 2017 Christmas period:

Sunday 3 December:	Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm in St Petroc's Parish Church
Thursday 7 December:	Service of Light at 7.30pm in St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church
Sunday 10 December:	Carol Service at 4.00pm in South Brent Methodist Church
Sunday 17 December:	Traditional Carol Service at 6.30pm in St Petroc's Parish Church
Sunday 24 December:	Christingle Service at 9.45am in St Petroc's Parish Church Midnight Mass at 11.00pm in St Petroc's Parish Church
Monday 25 December:	Christmas Day: Prayer book communion at 8.00am and Family Communion at 11.00am in St Petroc's Parish Church Mass at 9.00am in St Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

Thursday 28 December 2017: **Twixt Christmas and New Year Céilidh** in **South Brent Village Hall** at 7.30pm. Chill out and enjoy the music after the Christmas festivities or dance your (new) socks off with 'Buttoned up' with caller Ken Hudson. Doors open 7.00pm; Reel Ale bar. Tickets (which might make good Christmas presents) £7.50 from [artworks](#). Entry includes one free non alcoholic spiced berry drink. FFI: contact Eileen McKee on 01364 73699; email: eileen.southbrentfolk@gmail.com.



Christmas lights



South Brent Parish Council has once again commissioned 'Torbay Display' to mount the Christmas Lighting display across Fore Street and Church Street and from the Anchor Building to The Oak using energy saving LED lights. The display is due to be switched on by our Young Community Champion, Ben Parnell, just before the start of the winter carnival.

The 2017 lighting has cost around £2,300 and the Parish Council thanks sponsors for their contribution towards the cost [Aspire Safety Ltd (£50)]. If you are able to sponsor Christmas lights, please contact Julia Willoughby, clerk to South Brent Parish Council clerk@southbrent.gov.uk or send a cheque payable to 'South Brent Parish Council' to P.O. Box 246, Totnes, TQ9 9DY.

The State Pension and your Post Office Card Account

South Brent residents who collect their state pension in cash through a Post Office Card Account may have received a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions asking them to have the money paid into another Bank Account instead. This can be worrying for those who do not have an account or prefer the convenience of being able to draw their pension in cash in any Post Office.

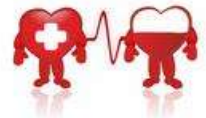
The letter implies this switch needs to be done straight away, but this is **not** the case. The Government has guaranteed that pensions can continue to be paid in cash via the Post Office Card Account until 2021 at least. So if you have received such a letter and do not wish to switch your payment method there is absolutely no need for you to do anything until 2021 and you can safely dispose of the letter.

The Parish Council has written to our MP, Dr. Sarah Wollaston, to ask why the letter has been sent now, four years before any changes are due to come into force.

Cllr. Cathie Pannell

Blood Donations

South Brent Village Hall currently serves as a community blood donation venue. While the demand for some particular blood types is increasing, the overall demand is reducing. As a result of this, the number of donation sessions and how they are managed has been reviewed. Following the review, the decision was taken to reduce the number of community blood donation teams, resulting in the disbanding of the Plymouth team which covers blood donations at South Brent Village Hall. In future South Brent based blood donors may attend the sessions at the Civic Hall, High Street Totnes. See www.blood.co.uk/.



Vehicle Activated Speed signs



Two Vehicle Activated Speed restriction signs are to be purchased by the Parish Council for use on Exeter Road. The signs, which can be moved between different locations, can also collect traffic data, which may provide evidence to indicate need for other future traffic measures.

The decision to purchase the signs follows significant expressions of public concern and request that something is done to reduce speed on this stretch of road before there is a tragic accident.

Help keep us safe - Report Illegal activities

Concern has recently been expressed about behaviour and activities which are endanger others or are illegal. For example, recently drivers have been observed driving or reversing the wrong way along Church Street. Please report behaviour which may put lives at risk or which raises alarm in the community. In an emergency this will involve a 999 call, and in less immediate situations the local police via 101.



If you have concerns about activities in the community which appear not to be under control, or about police responses, you can also get in touch with Alison Hernandez, the Police & Crime Commissioner, by emailing opccengagement@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

Following a spate of thefts including cash, audio equipment, etc from vehicles in South Brent, the police have also issued a reminder about security – Please lock unattended vehicles and report any suspicious activity. Please remember previous warnings - be alert to telephone or email scams.

Feoffees

The [South Brent Feoffees](#) charity has a small grant fund available for individuals and groups addressing specific welfare needs and the application is by letter to 'The Clerk to the Trustees', c/o Luscombe Maye in the village. Grants are not income related and are considered throughout the year on a case by case basis.



South Brent Focus

This section is available to voluntary organisations within the village to publicise their activities. Contributions should be sent to the Clerk or Editor for consideration; whilst there is no formal charge, any contributions towards the cost of printing and distribution would be appreciated.

That Wonderful Shop Window

Have you noticed the magical window displays which pop up in the blue shop front in Station Road? They are the work of Deborah McCann and her daughter, Hattie. Deborah says:



"I love to make and collect things with my daughter.

When we moved to Station Road the wonderful shop window to my office offered the opportunity both to display and hopefully entertain passersby. It started with Halloween, which was an easy one and everyone seemed to like it, so we were inspired to do more. We put our heads together to work out what we should do next.

The seasonal ones were fairly easy but the more we do, the more of a challenge it becomes. We often use books we both love as an inspiration, sometimes starting off with very grand ideas but we have to be creative to achieve something we are pleased with, without spending too much. I have friends who make things we display too; everyone seems to find it fun whether to contribute or see the finished window. I am happy at the moment as we have ideas for windows up to February. Hattie often comes up with the best ideas. The only down side is the time we take sourcing all the items and deciding how to store it all afterwards!"



Air Ambulance Helipad

Following a call from the [Devon Ambulance Trust](#) for night landing sites for the Devon Air Ambulance, the Parish Council identified with the Trust that Palstone Park Recreation Ground would provide a suitable landing area. The Parish Council was able to get funding towards the installation and it has provided a remote controlled flood light, a tarmac ramp and footpath to the helicopter landing area; this is to enable easier access to the helicopter in wet weather. The footpath has been extended to the adventure play area to enable easier access to the equipment during inclement weather.

Grants were received from the Big Lottery Fund, the Devon Air Ambulance Trust, South Brent Feoffees, Devon County Councillor Richard Hosking and South Hams Councillors Peter Smerdon and Robert Steer. Funds were also raised by the Co-Op staff and customers and a Ladies walking group. The balance of the funding was provided by South Brent Parish Council.



Cllr. Peter Kelly

What's new at the Old School Community Centre?

As the highly successful 'Raising the Roof' series of events at the Old School Centre draws to a close, some new regular events are being established:

Irish Dancing: Monday & Wednesday 16:30 to 18:30
Contact: Carriebrolan@gmail.com 07885896538

Karate: Tuesday 18:30 to 20:00:
Contact: adel.gibson@sky.com 07766750599

Shuffle the Deck: (Adult Tap Dancing) - Wednesday 19:15 to 21:15: Contact: Jenny Draper
les.jen.d@btinternet.com

Spanish: from Beginners to Advanced – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Contact:
www.learndevon.co.uk 0345 155 1014



You can support the OSCC by becoming a member. For more information about the [Old School Community Centre](#), see www.theoldschool.org.uk or email: centre.manager@theoldschool.org.uk.

News from South Brent Recreation Association

Table-Tennis: Three tables available with bats provided. £1.50 per person.

Tuesday mornings: 9.30-10.30am for **beginners**;

Tuesday evenings: 7.30-8.30pm for **more advanced players**.



Scrabble has sadly been discontinued due to lack of interest

Pavilion Hire: The hall is available for hire at £7 per hour plus £5 for kitchen.

Call Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com to book

Defibrillator Training at the Rec on **Wednesday 6th December** at 7pm. in the pavilion. If anyone is interested in training please contact Anne on 01364 72223 or email: nichollsbenzie2@gmail.com

We are currently trying to raise money to continue the footpath around the Rec.

Monthly Lottery Pay £1 a month for 12 months = £12 a year. 50% will go in prizes and 50% will go to help maintain the facilities at Palstone Park Recreation Ground. You can join online at southbrentrecreationassociation.weebly.com/fundraising

The next Parish Council newsletter will be published in **March 2018**.

Any local organisations wishing to submit articles (maximum 150 words) for publication should send them to newsletter@southbrent.gov.uk (in Word, PDF or Rich Text Format) by **4 March 2018** please.

Council Meetings



Full Parish Council meetings start at 7:30pm, in the Side Hall of South Brent Village Hall and are usually on the **4th Monday** of the month.

Parish Council meetings are open and there are opportunities for members of the public to raise issues which are not on the agenda in an open forum before each meeting and to speak to inform the council on issues which are on the agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 11 December 2017**

Parish Council meetings for **2018**:

25 January 2018	28 May 2018	24 September 2018
26 February 2018	25 June 2018	22 October 2018
26 March 2018	23 July 2018	26 November 2018
23 April 2018	27 August 2018	10 December 2018

Planning Committee

Meetings are held on the **2nd Monday** of the month - if required, in The Old School Community Centre. Please see the Parish Council notice boards (near the Co-op entrance and outside the play park) for full details of forthcoming meetings.

South Brent Parish Council since August 2017

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